

MONTH SHOWS LOSS
IN WHEAT PROSPECT

22 Per Cent Decrease Predicted by Agricultural Board in Special Report Today.

INSECT PESTS BUSY

Southwest Missouri Hit Hard by Hessian Fly, Chinch Bug and Rust.

No attempt is at this time made to interpret present figures in terms of wheat yield, it is, of course, to be understood that the splendid prospect reported on May 1 cannot now be realized. However, with favorable weather conditions from now until the completion of harvest it is possible for Missouri to make a fair crop of wheat. So far but little wheat has been plowed up.

A special wheat report issued today from the office of the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture shows that the Missouri wheat crop has deteriorated greatly since May 1. According to reports made by official correspondents and covering the entire state, this loss has been 22 points, or a little more than a point a day. The report follows:

The present condition of Missouri wheat, considering the state as a whole, is now 68 as compared with 90 on May 1. By sections, these reports show conditions of wheat as follows: Northeast, 83; Northwest, 69; Central, 63; Southwest, 58; Southeast, 66. Of the twenty-three counties that show a condition of 80 to 100 per cent three are in the Northwest section, thirteen in the Northeast section and seven in the Southeast section. Apparently wheat has suffered least in the first and second tiers of counties bordering the Mississippi River on the east and north of the Missouri River. A half-dozen counties in the extreme Southeast part of the state also show wheat condition fairly well maintained, as do a few counties in the extreme Northwest portion. In Howard, Cooper, Bates and a few other counties conditions of wheat has gone back approximately 50 per cent since the report of May 1 was issued.

Some Rust in Southwest.
The lower condition of wheat is due in the main to the work of the Hessian fly whose existence in many fields was not known until 10 days or two weeks ago. Unfavorable weather condition, chinch bugs, and, in a few counties in the Southwest portion of the state, rust, have all influenced conditions. It should be borne in mind that it is always hard to forecast the extent of damage arising from the Hessian fly or chinch bug. As this report is based on conditions existing before the coming of the rains of the present week, it is hoped that there may yet be some improvement to report.

Correspondents report 22 per cent of the wheat fields seriously infested with Hessian fly. By sections the fly area shows, Northeast, 9; Northwest, 14; Central, 26; Southwest, 39; Southeast, 24. Apparently there are five well developed Hessian fly centers. One of these is central in Howard and Cooper counties, another in Franklin, a third in Perry, a fourth in Greene and Webster and the fifth in McDonald and Barry. In the extreme Southwest section. The fly has apparently done little or no damage in twenty counties in the northern part of the state and extending from east to west, with one or two breaks, notably in Gentry. A half-dozen counties in the Southeast portion of the state have also escaped the Hessian fly. The fly is reported in all the counties bordering the Missouri River from Holt in the northwest to St. Charles and St. Louis on the east.

Rains May Improve Conditions.
In ten counties of the state from 50 to 75 per cent of the fields are reported as infested with the fly. In twelve other counties the percentage of fields infested is placed at from 40 to 50 per cent. It should be understood, however, that in many fields where the fly is reported the damage will not be sufficient to cause total loss of the crop but may result in a considerably decreased yield. It is impossible to forecast with exactness the damage arising from the Hessian fly. Recent rains may have a tendency to push the wheat forward but will not destroy the fly which now exists.

Chinch bugs are reported in 19 per cent of the wheat fields of the state. By sections the reports show,

THE CALENDAR

May 20—The senior picnic will be given by the members of the Y. W. C. A. Each underclass student will take a senior and provide food enough for two.
May 21—Play "Little Women" by the graduating class of the University High School in the University Auditorium at 8 p. m.
May 21 and 22—Tigers play Kansas, baseball, Rollins Field at 4 p. m.
May 21—The last regular meeting of the Philological Club, in commemoration of the six hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the birth of Dante. Room 214, Academic Hall, 8 p. m. Election of officers for next year.
May 22—Play, "The Trojan Women" by Euripides, by the Little Theatre Players of Chicago, in the University Auditorium, 8 p. m.
May 22—Mrs. J. C. Jones will give a reception for the benefit of the Pi Beta Phi settlement school, Saturday afternoon and evening.
May 23—"The Woman of Samaria," an oratorio, by the University Chorus, University Auditorium, 3:30 p. m., Sunday. The public is invited.
May 25 and 26—Tigers play Kansas Aggies baseball, Rollins Field at 4 p. m.
May 28—Mass meeting at 7:15 p. m.
May 28—Read Hall garden party.
May 28—Columbia High School graduation exercises, Columbia Theater at 8 p. m.
May 28 and 29—Missouri Valley Conference Meet, Rollins Field Friday afternoon and Saturday morning and afternoon.

Northeast, 13 per cent of the fields in which chinch bugs have appeared; Northwest, 30; Central, 19; Southwest, 30; Southeast, 4. In thirty-four counties of the state—counties bordering on the Kansas line from Buchanan on the north to McDonald on the south and extending in a wedge shape to Pike and Lincoln on the Mississippi chinch bugs are reported in from 50 to 75 per cent of the fields. There are, though, in this area about a dozen counties in which the chinch bugs are not so bad.

No Chinch Bugs in Southeast.
It should also be borne in mind that in many of these counties there is no cause for alarm. Especially is this true since the recent rains. Moisture will go far toward destroying the chinch bug and preventing the coming of the later brood which causes the real loss. Southeast Missouri is practically free of chinch bugs. This is also true of that portion of the Southwest section lying east and south of a line extending from Newton in the Southwest to Monticau in the central portion. In the northern portion of the state the first, second, and, in some instances, the third tier of counties report but few chinch bugs.

STATE TO RETALIATE

Unless Western Ban on Cattle Is Lifted, Missouri Will Quarantine, Too.

No cattle, sheep, swine, goats, wool or hides will be received in Missouri from Arizona, California, Nevada, Oregon, Utah or Washington after June 1, unless these states cease discriminating against Missouri stock. Thus the State Board of Agriculture decided this morning at a meeting here.

All the western states quarantined against Missouri stock last October when the foot-and-mouth disease scare was on. After the scare was over, the western states had a meeting and made the ban all the tighter on Missouri stock. On May 11, the secretary of the Missouri State Board of Agriculture notified eleven western states that Missouri would quarantine against stock from their states unless Missouri stock was admitted. Colorado and Texas opened up. New Mexico and Montana promised that they would raise the quarantine as soon as possible. Oklahoma accepts stock on special permits.

According to Dr. D. F. Luckey, Missouri has never had a case of the foot-and-mouth disease. He says that the western states are plainly discriminating against Missouri stock.

STATE FAIR BOARD MEETS, TOO

Makes Allowance of \$1,500 for Special Free Attractions.
The State Board of Agriculture met this afternoon as the State Fair Board and made the regular arrangements about the premiums to be given this year and improvements to be made on the grounds. An allowance of \$1,500 was made for the free attractions. A committee was appointed to arrange for a special big feature. An auto-polo feature and an aeroplane feature were discussed by the board, but no action was taken.

Deutsche Klub Money to Red Cross.
Der Deutsche Klub gave the proceeds of the Christmas play, amounting to \$30.80, to the American Red Cross Society for use in the Belgian Relief Fund. This action was taken last Tuesday night at the last regular meeting of the club.

Cadets to See Tomorrow's Game.
Military drill was held today so that the cadets might attend the Kansas-Missouri baseball game tomorrow.

ROAD TAX REMOVAL
BAD IDEA, HE THINKS

Judge J. A. Stewart Speaks Against It at Weekly Club Luncheon.

FOR OILING STREETS

Unpaved Thoroughfares May Be Gone Over During Summer Months.

Judge J. A. Stewart told the Commercial Club at its weekly luncheon today that in his opinion the members of the County Court did an unwise thing yesterday when they did away with the usual 25-cent tax levy for county roads. If the action is allowed to stand the cause of good roads in Boone County will be set back a long step, according to Mr. Stewart.

D. L. Morton, local representative of the Standard Oil Company, who was to speak on the advisability of oiling Columbia's unpaved streets, was not present. Instead Judge Stewart made a short talk on oiling of the streets. The city is now planning to oil Stewart road this summer.

Frank Conley, chairman of the road commission of the Columbia Special District, also made a short talk. He agreed with Judge Stewart on the road proposition and said that a committee should be appointed to meet the County Court and try to get it to withdraw its action. He said that road work would be greatly retarded if the action was not rescinded. A committee was appointed to investigate.

Mayor J. M. Batterton was present at the meeting and said a few words in regard to the reduction of the light rate in Columbia. Mr. Conley said that he thought it best to fix the city reservoir instead of reducing the light rate. He said that he thought it would be a good thing to reduce the rate on day power.

Centralia is trying to get the Wabash railroad to change the schedule of the morning train back to the old schedule, that is, so it will reach Columbia at 8 o'clock as it formerly did instead of at 7 o'clock as at present. C. O. Hanes, secretary of the Retail Merchants' Association, said that the Commercial Club should take some action on the matter. The secretary of the club was instructed to write to the railroad about the matter.

The Commercial Club decided to call a meeting of all the good roads boosters in the county and have them sit in conference here with the County Court. At this conference an effort will be made to get the court to establish a tax for the maintenance of roads and bridges. This tax was abandoned at the last meeting of the court.

Judges Rowland, Johnson and Tate have agreed to meet the good roads boosters next Tuesday afternoon.

LOULA LONG CERTAIN TO SHOW

Belle Beach, "Educated" Mare, to Be Exhibited by Mexico Man.

Miss Loula Long has promised definitely to be present at the Commencement Horse Show and exhibit nearly all of her stable or harness horses. John Hook, who shows Miss Long's saddle horses, will ride again this year.

Belle Beach, the "educated" mare, will be shown by Tom Bass of Mexico, Mo. She has been secured to take the place of the cavalry horses which were to give jumping exhibitions. The officers from Fort Leavenworth are unable to attend on account of the annual cavalry fete at the fort, May 31.

LEROY PETTY DIES IN WEST

Former Harrisburg resident Succumbs to Tuberculosis in California.
Leroy Petty, son of Mrs. R. B. Hawkins of Harrisburg, Mo., died of tuberculosis yesterday at Redlands, Cal. He was thirty-nine years old and had been living in California thirteen years. He is survived by a wife and one child. It has not been decided whether burial will be in Redlands or in Harrisburg. Mr. Petty was well known in Columbia and has several relatives here.

Two New Teachers Named by Board.

Two new teachers, Miss Allie Dinwiddie and Miss Elva Beaven, were named by the Columbia Board of Education at its meeting last night. They will teach in the grade schools and will fill the positions held by Miss Mamie Tate and Miss Sallie Baldwin. Two vacancies remain to be filled in the high school teaching staff.

JORDAN WILL TAKE
A NEW STATE JOB

"Corn Man" to Resign From Farm Bureau of Pettis County July 1.

WAS FIRST IN FIELD

After September 1, He Will Be State-Wide Adviser to County Agents.

S. M. Jordan, the "Corn Man," farm agent of Pettis County, was elected by the State Board of Agriculture this morning to become a state-wide helper to all farm agents and farm advisers. Mr. Jordan will resign his Pettis County position to take effect July 1 and will begin his work for the State September 1.

Mr. Jordan was a lecturer for the State Board of Agriculture until three years ago. He then went on a leave of absence, to Pettis County to become the first farm agent. He served his term of two years and was re-elected last fall.

Between July 1 and September 1, Mr. Jordan will advise with his successors and will fill several chautauqua dates in other states.

TITLE NOT K.U.'S YET

Games Here Next Two Days Must Be Counted, Says C. L. Brewer.

"Kansas already has doped her baseball team as the champion of the Missouri Valley Conference, but I don't see how the Jayhawkers figure themselves champions unless they win from the Tigers tomorrow and Saturday," said C. L. Brewer, director of athletics, this morning.

The Kansans have played five games this year, according to Mr. Brewer. They have lost one game to the Kansas Aggies. The Tigers were defeated at Lawrence 6-5 and 7-2. "Red" Craig, Jayhawk pitcher, worked in both games against the Tigers and, according to the University Kansan, he is resting so that he can pitch both games here. Captain Taylor will pitch for Missouri tomorrow. Jack Schweitzgebel of the K. C. A. C. will umpire both games.

The cadet corps of the Missouri State Military School is drilling this afternoon so that the cadets can attend tomorrow's game, which will be called at 4 o'clock. Saturday's game will be called at 3:30 o'clock.

TENNIS TEAM WINS 3 IN 5

Bland and Loomis Lose Conference Meet and Are Defeated by Drake.

The tennis team returned this morning from a trip through Iowa and Nebraska. At the Missouri Valley Conference Meet Missouri was eliminated in the first round by Washington, the winner of the meet. On the remainder of the trip three matches out of four were won, Missouri losing to Drake and winning from Cole, Grinnell and Highland Park. John Bland and Fred L. Loomis made the trip.

WILL NOT COLLECT GARBAGE

J. G. Parker Says Columbia Is too Large for Him to Take Task.

J. G. Parker has announced that he cannot guarantee to collect the garbage of Columbia. Therefore, Mayor J. M. Batterton says he cannot issue the proclamation that the Women's Civic League had desired him to issue. Mr. Parker says that Columbia is too large a city for him to undertake the task.

1916 Sophomore Women Elect.

Miss Jessie Hill was elected president of the sophomore women of the University for next year at the meeting of the freshman women yesterday. Other officers elected were: Vice-president, Miss Martha Meriwether; secretary-treasurer, Miss Meryl Leavel; representative on the Woman's Council, Miss Katherine Haston.

The "Muffin Shop" to Be Given Again.

The "Muffin Shop," the play given by the pupils of the University Elementary School last Friday, will be presented again at 4 o'clock the afternoon of June 2, in the University Auditorium. Admission will be free.

Lawn Party at Stephens Saturday.

The Eta chapter of the Beta Sigma Omicron sorority, at Stephens College, will give a lawn party at 8 o'clock Saturday evening.

THE WEATHER.

For Columbia and vicinity: Continued unsettled with showers tonight and Friday; a little cooler tonight.

For Missouri: Probably showers tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

Weather Conditions.
The arrangement of atmospheric pressure throughout the country has changed but little in the last 24 hours, consequently the weather is about the same, that is, it continues unsettled and rainy. The rain area now extends entirely across the country from the Pacific to the Atlantic Ocean, and north and south it is about one thousand miles wide, covering all of the great grain states. In all of the middle western grain area there is now ample moisture for present needs.

Temperatures from Kansas and Missouri northward still are below the seasonal average; and from Colorado through Wyoming and Montana they are near the freezing value.

In Columbia, unsettled and showery weather will prevail during the next two days.

Local Data.
The highest temperature in Columbia yesterday was 62 and the lowest last night was 58; precipitation .42. A year ago yesterday the highest was 50 and the lowest 61; precipitation .90 inch.

The Almanac.
Sun rose today, 4:52 a. m. Sun sets, 7:19 p. m.

Moon sets at 12:09 a. m.

ITALY VOTES TO ACT

Parliament Puts Power in Salandra Cabinet's Hands by 311 Majority.

ROME, May 20.—Parliament today

gave the government full power to act, passing the resolution by a vote of 365 to 54. Italy in a summary of negotiations issued to members this morning charged Austria with responsibility for the entire war by breaking faith with Italy when she sent the ultimatum to Serbia which precipitated the conflict. The full text of the Italian Green Book will charge that Austrian invasion of Serbia violated the Austro-German-Italian alliance and gave Italy justification for disregarding the alliance. Austria on May 4 denounced the Triple Alliance as void, said the summary.

Thousands outside cheered when parliament announced the vote. The message was flashed to the frontier towns immediately. It was greeted everywhere as a fore-runner of war.

There was little debate in parliament. A definite ultimatum may be sent to Austria within twenty-four hours. The vote in parliament approves the Salandra cabinet's war program.

ROME, May 20.—With troops massed

on the Austrian frontier ready to strike at a word from Parliament and the cheering of thousands demanding war, the deputies made the government declaration today that Italy is on the verge of a decisive action that may plunge the nation into the European maelstrom. Unless the debate is long-drawn-out, the parliament will pass the bill entrusting the nation's fate to the Salandra cabinet today.

The Pope today added the weight of his influence to the side of Italy when he approved the text of the battlefield prayer of the soldiers and expressed the hope of Italian victory. The government today published a summary of the Green Book explaining Italy's position in the summary and confirming the report that Italy had announced that the Austrian treaty of May 4 granting Italian concessions was inadequate.

General Cadorna, the Italian chief of staff reached Vincenza near the frontier and assumed active command of the forces and is awaiting the signal of war.

The war advocates claim that 300 of the 508 deputies in parliament favor war. Only a portion of the Socialist section is opposing the national program.

The summary relates that the demands on Austria were refused at first, but that negotiations were commenced again when Germany guaranteed the fulfillment of the agreements.

The summary said that Austria had rejected the Italian demands for the cession of Trentino and the Italian frontier established in 1811 and the cession of the eastern Frioul Valley, Borghetto, Plezzo, Tolmino, Gradiaca, Gorizia, Montebelluna, Nabsine and the Burzolari Islands. The independence of Trieste, Istria, and the maintenance of the Italian occupation of Valona were demands that were made April 18.

By United Press

PARIS, May 20.—Several Italian regiments left Milan this morning for the eastern frontier, according to dispatches this afternoon.

Suffrage Talk at Social Study Club.

The Social Study Club met yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. G. Rinkle, 1418 Rosemary lane. Mrs. Walter McNab Miller gave a talk on suffrage.

ALLIED FLEET DRIVEN
FROM DARDANELLES

Bombardment From Hidden Batteries Forces Vessels to Withdraw.

GERMAN REPLY SOON

Note Will Be Polite and Will Emphasize Friendly Feeling Toward U.S.

By United Press

CONSTANTINOPLE, May 20.—Both the English and French fleets have been driven from the Dardanelles. Hidden Turkish batteries along the shore bombarded the vessels so fiercely Monday that they withdrew the following day.

By United Press

BERLIN, May 20.—Germany's reply to President Wilson probably will be completed Monday and be delivered to Washington soon afterward, according to official information received here. The length of the American note and the amount of detail required in reply necessitates most careful drafting but official information today gave no reason for any feeling of apprehension concerning German-American relations. The reply will be polite and friendly and will emphasize the fact that Germany does not contemplate a break with the United States.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, May 20.—The President is back in Washington, reviewing several dispatches from Ambassador Gerard in Berlin. These dispatches are believed to give the details of conferences between Gerard and Hollweg, the imperial chancellor. Gerard has given no intimation of Germany's reply.

Officials, under orders from Bryan, refused to discuss the Italian situation, but reports have circulated that Germany has asked Switzerland, and not the United States, to represent her in case of an Italian war. The embassy has no word of the reported suspension of Germany's submarine warfare.

By United Press

HULL, England, May 20.—A German submarine sank the trawler Chrysolite off Kinnaird Head, according to an announcement made today. The crew is reported saved.

By United Press

LONDON, May 20.—The inquiry into the Falaba sinking was begun today, with Lord Mersy presiding.

ACCUSED SPY KILLS HIMSELF

A. Kuepferle, Former Brooklynite, Dies in British Prison.

By United Press

LONDON, May 20.—Anton Kuepferle, a former resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., who was on secret trial here as a German spy, committed suicide today by hanging. The government had charged him with giving secret information to Germany.

WANT TITLE CLEARED; DAMAGES

Two More Suits Filed Today by Martin Heirs.

Another chapter was added to the Martin heir case this afternoon when two suits were filed in the Circuit Court to determine the titles to some land and asking damages from the defendants for taking possession of the land.

Clifford W. Martin, Everett D. Martin, Ernest Martin and Florence Perkins are the plaintiffs in a suit against Mary M. Gross, Florence A. Gartley, Gertrude Pargen and Robert Steward, asking that the title be cleared on part of Lot 22, Swallow's Addition, Columbia. They allege the defendants took possession of the land and ask \$100 damages. The same plaintiffs, in a suit against Mary M. Gross, want to clear the title on the lot between the Columbia Theater and the old Methodist Church. Damages of \$100 are asked in this case, too.

Maccabees Elect Starrett to Office.

A telegram was received yesterday saying that George S. Starrett, city attorney, has been elected to one of the supreme offices of the Maccabees in their national convention at San Francisco. Mr. Starrett was a delegate from Missouri.

M. A. Hornback's Mother Dies.

Mrs. Mary Hornback, mother of M. A. Hornback of Columbia, died at the home of her son, R. I. Winn, at Palmyra, Mo., Tuesday night. Mrs. Hornback was 94 years old. She had twenty-one grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.